## **ANALYSIS**

This ordinance amends Section 2.18.025 of Title 2 - Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, to extend the delegated authority of the Director of Public Works to acquire real property for the County of Los Angeles through and including July 31, 2019.

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An ordinance amending Title 2 - Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the delegation of authority of the Director of Public Works to acquire real property for use by the County of Los Angeles or the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2.18.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.18.025 Director—Purchase of real property—\$75,000.00 or less.

Pursuant to the authority granted by California Government Code section 25350.60,

†The Director is hereby authorized to perform all acts necessary to approve and accept the acquisition of any interest in real property for use by the County of Los Angeles, or the Los Angeles County Flood Control District where the purchase price for such interest does not exceed \$75,000.00 in accordance with the following specified procedures:

- A. Establishment of Purchase Price. The purchase price, if any, must be based on a summary of just compensation and may be adjusted only with the written concurrence of County Counsel. The summary of just compensation shall be prepared in accordance with generally recognized real estate appraisal principles. The preparation of the summary of just compensation and negotiations shall be performed in accordance with Government Code section 7260 et seq.
- B. Environmental Clearance. The purchase may not be consummated prior to compliance with the applicable environmental statutes and regulations.

- C. Approval of Acquisition by Planning Agency. The Director shall submit the proposed acquisition to the appropriate planning agency in accordance with Government Code section 65402, or any statute which may later become appropriate, prior to the acquisition of the property.
- D. Assurance of Funding. Prior to commitment to the acquisition of the property, funding must be identified as assured by the appropriate authority. For acquisitions to be paid from road funds or special district funds, the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Public Works will be the appropriate authority. For acquisitions to be paid from general fund sources, the Chief Executive Office will be the appropriate authority.
- E. Form of Instrument. All instruments conveying ownership of property interests must be in a form acceptable to County Counsel.
- F. Condemnation. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Director's authority shall be exercised in conjunction with the County Counsel for any acquisition of an interest in real property where a resolution of condemnation has been previously adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles for the County of Los Angeles or in its ex officio capacity for any other public entity.
- G. Acceptance of Gifts. The Director is authorized to accept gifts consisting solely of real property interests and related improvements. All requirements for compliance with the environmental statutes and regulations and planning agency review shall be completed prior to acceptance.

H. Expiration of Authority. The authority granted to the Director pursuant to this Section to acquire any interest in real property for the County of Los Angeles shall be effective through and including July 31, 201419, after which time it shall be deemed expired and of no further effect.

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